

RAF team wins shooting challenge

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The Royal Air Force slipped by the United States Air Force to capture the 10th annual Clay Shooting Challenge by a score of 852 - 842 at the rod and gun club April 16.

The winning score was determined by the total targets broken by the top 10 shooters on each team. At the end of the day, the top 10 RAF shooters broke 852 out of 1,000 targets while the Air Force top 10 shooters broke 842 out of 1,000 targets.

High scores

John Martin, Air Force, was the high gun with a total score of 92 out of 100 targets. Dave Hewitt-Hulin, RAF, was first runner-up with 90; Andy Hilditch, RAF, was second runner-up with 89; and Brian Jones, Air Force, was third runner-up with 87.

The top score in American skeet was shared between Jones, John Bray and Stew Ashford, both of the RAF. All had 25. The top score in English skeet was by Joe Wilson, Air Force, who had 24. Sharing perfect scores in trap were Hewitt-Hulin, Andy Simmons and John Skoyles, all of the RAF, and Martin. The compact sporting top honor went to Martin, who had 23.

Event particulars

The shotgun contest had 25 American skeet targets, 25 English skeet targets, 25 trap targets and



An RAF team member aims at a target while Pete Warsaw looks on.

25 compact sporting clay target.

During the 10 years of the shoot, 1996 was the only year the Air Force has won the trophy.

"The USAF team did very well," said George Jenkins, rod and gun club manager. "Ten clays out of 1,000 is very close, and (the shoot) could have very easily gone in our direction."

At the end of the contest, Col. Doug Richardson, 48th Fighter Wing commander, congratulated the winners and returned the trophy to the RAF team.

Participants

Active-duty, retired and Department of Defense members and their families are eligible to participate in interservice clay shooting events. A number of these events are held during the year, sponsored by agencies including the Royal Air Force, Royal Navy, Army, police and fire services. The U.S. Air Force has sponsored the USAF/RAF clay shoot each April since 1987.

For more information, call the rod and gun club at Ext. 2368.

Liberty Football Club plays Jubilee '96

By Jim Nix
Club manager

The Liberty Football Club lost to Bury and District League, Division 3 leaders Jubilee '96 by a score of 8 - 0 Saturday at RAF Feltwell.

Jubilee demonstrated the form that has earned them promotion to Bury and District League, Division 2, for next season.

Only nine players showed up for the match initially for the Liberty team. Just before the half that increased to eleven, but the lack of substitutions proved to be devastating for Liberty. Even so, the Liberty club held Jubilee goalless for the first 20 minutes and created several opportunities for the club.

First goal

The club's first goal came from the league's leading scorer, Danny Wines, in the 25th minute.

Jubilee responded twice more before the half. Their defense was relentless throughout the match, quickly stifling any scoring opportunities. They scored five in the second half to settle the game.

January loss

Jubilee have only one blemish on their record, when they lost in January to Sychlesmere United 6 - 2, so they'll be moving up.

The last two matches of the season are at 2:30 p.m. Saturday and May 10 at RAF Feltwell. For more information, call Ext. 1419.



Photo by SrA. Robert H. Gerlach
Gary Wike boots the ball toward the net while Tom Haerr looks on.